

BUCHHOLZ LEPIDOPTERA COLLECTION

The Department of Insects and Spiders of the American Museum of Natural History proudly announces the accession of the Lepidoptera collection of the late Otto Buchholz of Roselle Park, New Jersey. This outstanding collection was purchased on January 7, 1959, for the American Museum of Natural History through the generosity of several friends. It consists of 124,985 specimens, including five holotypes, three allotypes and 551 paratypes. This is one of the largest, most complete and best prepared collections of Macrolepidoptera from North America north of Mexico ever built up by a private collector. It contains practically all the described species of butterflies, skippers and moths included in Part I of the 1938 McDunnough Check List. All specimens are to receive an O. Buchholz collection label.

The accession of this beautiful collection, following the John L. Sperry collection of 181,002 specimens, and the John B. Smith and George D. Hulst collections from Rutgers University of 32,022 specimens, gives the American Museum of Natural History one of the best and most complete study collections of North American butterflies, skippers, and macro-moths in existence. In most of these groups the collection is unexcelled.—FREDERICK H. RINDGE, The American Museum of Natural History.